

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

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FIG. 2 shows the color converter 20 in detail. The color converter 20 converts C, M, Y, K image data (device-dependent image data) supplied from the raster image processor 18 to R (Red), G (Green), B (Blue) image data (device-dependent image data) for the printer 16 with a printing condition profile (printing condition color converting means) 28 and a printer condition profile (output condition color converting means) 30. Actually, the printing condition profile 28 and the printer condition profile 30 are merged into a merged profile (merged printing condition printer condition profile, merged color converting means, merged profile LUT) 21 as a single ~~lookup~~ lookup table. Therefore, the C, M, Y, K image data supplied to the color converter 20 are converted directly to the R, G, B image data for the printer 16 in one process by the merged profile 21.

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When the R, G, B image data are supplied to the printer 16, the printer 16 outputs a hard copy HC (see FIG. 1) as a color proof carrying a color image ~~1M~~ IM on a color paper CP that serves as a dedicated color proof sheet.